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Gaithersburg Named "Tree City" for 30th Consecutive Year

Gaithersburg, MD **(May 3, 2019)** At a special tree planting in celebration of Green Month and Arbor Day, the City of Gaithersburg was presented with a Tree City USA award for the 30th consecutive year. Sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, the Tree City Award recognizes Gaithersburg's commitment to the environment and effective urban forest management. The City met four national standards to qualify: Having a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, maintaining an annual community forestry budget of at least $2 per capita, and celebrating Arbor Day with an observance and proclamation.

On Friday, May 3, Mayor Jud Ashman joined staff and students from Rosemont Elementary School, including Principal Keely Cooke, and Forest Ranger Todd Douglass from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to plant a Kwanzan Cherry tree at the school to commemorate the award.

"We have planted this tree for Rosemont students to enjoy, but it will really benefit everyone in our community," said Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman. "It will help keep our environment clean and it will serve as a reminder that Gaithersburg takes good care of the world we live in."

For more information on this and other environmental programs in the City of Gaithersburg, please call 301-258-6330 or visit the City's website www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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